

to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 153, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 16, 2012 I had a previously scheduled meeting with constituents in Ogden, Illinois. As a result, I am unable to attend votes this evening. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 3001, the Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Celebration Act; and "yea" on H.R. 4040, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for votes in the House chamber today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 152 and 153.

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APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE DONALD M. PAYNE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HURT). Pursuant to House Resolution 571, and the order of the House of March 6, 2012, the Speaker on March 14, 2012, appointed the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Donald M. Payne:

The gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. SMITH

The gentleman from South Carolina, Mr. CLYBURN

The members of the New Jersey delegation:

Mr. PALLONE
Mr. ANDREWS
Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN
Mr. LOBIONDO
Mr. PASCRELL
Mr. ROTHMAN
Mr. HOLT

Mr. GARRETT
Mr. SIREN

Mr. LANCE

Mr. RUNYAN

Other Members in attendance:

Ms. KAPTUR
Mr. LEVIN
Mr. TOWNS
Ms. WATERS
Ms. BROWN (FL)
Mr. RUSH
Mr. SCOTT (VA)
Mr. WATT
Ms. WOOLSEY
Ms. JACKSON LEE (TX)
Mr. JACKSON (IL)
Mr. CLAY
Mr. BUTTERFIELD
Mr. CLEAVER
Mr. AL GREEN (TX)
Ms. MOORE
Ms. CLARKE (NY)
Mr. JOHNSON (GA)
Ms. EDWARDS
Ms. FUDGE

Ms. BASS (CA)
Ms. SEWELL
Ms. NORTON
Mrs. CHRISTENSEN

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4089, SPORTSMEN'S HERITAGE ACT OF 2012, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. FOXX, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-444) on the resolution (H. Res. 614) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4089) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KYLE STOCKAMP

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding young man from Deep Gap, North Carolina.

Kyle Stockamp is set to graduate from the United States Air Force Academy this May. He will be graduating as squadron commander of his unit and was recently selected to represent the Air Force Academy at the Doolittle Raider reunion.

He was selected as the number one cadet from all of the history and FAS-history majors to serve on the silver goblet detail at this historic event.

Kyle was first nominated for the Air Force Academy in 2006. In 2007, he left the academy to spend time as a missionary in Taiwan and subsequently returned to the academy.

Today, I am proud not only to congratulate Kyle for graduating at the top of his class but proud of his dedication and commitment to God and his country.

May God continue to bless Kyle and his family.

PRESLEY POE, #10

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as the sun rose in the Hill Country shortly before 8 a.m., she breathed her first breath of life. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19½ inches long as she arrived in Round Rock, Texas, on April 12 of this year.

Presley Poe is the fourth child born to Suzy and Kurt Poe.

I call Presley #10 since I refer to each of our grandchildren not only by name but by their birth numbers as well.

Anyway, Presley, like all of us, did not choose her family or her place of birth, but she is blessed to be born to a God-fearing family and in a Nation like no other.

There is something about little girls that makes us smile. Maybe it's their happy spirit. Or is it that little glow of angelic quality with a speck of mischief? Or maybe it is we see in their eyes a hope for a better and gentler world. It's all of these, of course.

So, welcome to the world, Presley. As your grandfather, I hope you walk in the path of goodness, giving, and gratitude—and that you attend the University of Texas and not Texas A&M.

And that's just the way it is.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANN AND JACK MURPHY ON THEIR 70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. GARAMENDI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, occasionally, we go to remarkable events, and I did so last Saturday.

A couple that had reached the age of 94 and 92 were celebrating not only the gentlelady's birthday but also their 70th year of marriage. When I told people where I had been, they said, "You've got to be kidding. Seventy years?"

No, they were not married as teenagers, but they were married in their twenties. They happen to be my aunt and uncle, and I love those genes.

So congratulations to Ann and Jack Murphy on Ann's 90th birthday and their 70th anniversary.

AMERICA NEEDS A NEW TAX CODE

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is tax day, and as Americans work to file their taxes by midnight tomorrow, they are reminded about how broken our Tax Code and our tax system really is, how burdensome it has become, how complicated it has become, and how it has not kept up with today's economy.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, there are too many in Washington that always believe the answer is only to raise taxes rather than focusing on tax reform. Just a few weeks ago, the United States became the number one country in the developed world for having the highest corporate tax rate. This is something we should not be aspiring to. A new medical device tax is set to start next January that will be a hard-hitting tax on the American success story of medical innovation.

Mr. Speaker, we need a Tax Code that promotes hard work, achievement, innovation, and also savings and investment. Mr. Speaker, we need a Tax Code that is simpler and fair and more